

The Bible's Hall of Faith: Hebrews 11

"How Can I Get Out of This Mess?"

Hebrews 11:28-29 – February 26, 2006

Overview of Our Study

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Mar 5	Rahab	How Can God Use Me When I Have Done What I've Done?	30-31
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Great Scripture for Understanding Getting Out of Messes

1 Corinthians 10:13 - No temptation (test) has seized you except what is common to man. And God is faithful; He will not let you be tempted (tested) beyond what you can bear. But when you are tempted (tested), He will also provide a way out so that you can stand up under it.

Two Messes That God Made "A Way Out" For (Hebrews 11:28-29)

Mess #1 = Slavery _____ (Hebrews 11:28)

- Description of Israel's slavery (Exodus 1:8-14; Acts 7:6 = 400 yrs)
- Application Question #1 – What are my areas of slavery right now? _____
- God's "way out" = the 10 plagues (Exodus 5-12)
- God's "way out" = warfare _____: direct confrontation of the false gods of the greatest superpower nation in the world at that time

Plague	False Egyptian god
1. Nile turned to blood (7:14-25)	Hapi – Egyptian god of the Nile
2. Frogs (8:1-15)	Heqet – goddess of birth; has frog head
3. Gnats (8:16-19)	Set – god of the desert
4. Flies (8:20-32)	Uatchit – god represented by the fly
5. Livestock epidemic (9:1-17)	Hathor – goddess with a cow head
6. Boils (9:8-12)	Suni – the pestilence god
7. Hailstorm (9:13-35)	Nut – sky goddess
8. Locusts (10:1-20)	Osiris – god of crops
9. Darkness (10:21-29)	Ra – sun god
10. Death of firstborn (11:1-12:32)	Pharaoh's son – considered a god

- The Lord is a Warrior, and He calls us to engage in spiritual warfare

- **Exodus 15:3** - *The LORD is a warrior; the LORD is His name.*
- **Psalms 144:1** - *Praise be to the LORD my Rock, who trains my hands for war, my fingers for battle.*
- **Ephesians 6:10-12** - *Finally, be strong in the Lord and in His mighty power. 11 Put on the full armor of God so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes. 12 For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms.*
- **2 Corinthians 10:4-5** - *The weapons we fight with are not the weapons of the world. On the contrary, they have divine power to demolish strongholds. 5 We demolish arguments and every pretension that sets itself up against the knowledge of God, and we take captive every thought to make it obedient to Christ.*
- **John 10:10** - *The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.*
- John Eldredge: "God intends life for you. But right now that life is opposed. It doesn't just roll in on a tray. There is a thief. He comes to steal and kill and destroy.... The offer is life, but you're going to have to fight for it because there's an Enemy in your life with a different agenda. There is something set against us. We are at war."
- Application Question #2 – How is God calling me to fight right now? How is God calling me to spiritual battle? _____ Will I fight for "life to the full"? _____
- God's method of warfare: Applying _____ (Hebrews 11:28; Exodus 11-12)
- Important note: There are two ways to fight: in your own strength or in God's strength. God will fight the battle for you! Your job is to step out in faith – to do whatever part God calls you to do. God will do the rest.
- **2 Chronicles 20:15** - *This is what the LORD says to you: "Do not be afraid or discouraged because of this vast army. For the battle is not yours, but God's."*
- **1 Samuel 17:47** – *"All those gathered here will know that it is not by sword or spear that the LORD saves; for the battle is the LORD's, and He will give all of you into our hands."*
- **2 Kings 6:16-17** - *"Don't be afraid," the prophet answered. "Those who are with us are more than those who are with them." And Elisha prayed, "O LORD, open his eyes so he may see." Then the LORD opened the servant's eyes, and he looked and saw the hills full of horses and chariots of fire all around Elisha.*
- Other spiritual weapons available to us in our spiritual battle
 1. Praying the blood (Hebrews 11:28; Exodus 11-12)
 2. Binding _____ and loosing prayers (Matthew 18:18-20)
 3. Putting on the armor of God (Ephesians 6:10-20)
 4. Confession _____ of sin (Ephesians 6:14; James 5:16)
 5. Prophetic acts (2 Chronicles 20; Ezekiel 4-5; 37:15-28)
 6. Rebuking evil spirits (Acts 16:16-18)
 7. Obedience (Matthew 4:1-11)

- 8. Praise _____ (2 Chronicles 20)
- 9. Praying _Scripture_____ (Ephesians 6:17-18; Luke 4:1-11)
- Battle Cry (video can be found at <http://www.whitestonemotionpictures.com/> it is labeled “Battle Cry: I cannot be stopped”)

Battle Cry

I am not an innocent bystander. I am a threat to my Enemy.
 I am powerful. I am strategic and bold.
 I will not sit idly by. I will take ground. I will advance.
 I will tear through my Enemy, and my Enemy will hate me.
 I will not avoid the difficult fight. I will fight.
 I will be wounded. I will be targeted, and I will bleed.
 But I will not tire. My wounds will be healed.
 I will see tragedy. I will feel pain. But I will be restored!
 My feet will not stumble. My hands will hold fast.
 I will not be intimidated. I cannot be stopped.
 I will stand by my brothers in arms.
 I will fight until my last breath.
 I will push the limits. I will scale the mountains.
 My Enemy will cower.
 My Enemy will cower, for I serve a GREAT KING!!!

- Application #3 – The Scriptures that I’m going to pray over my situation today are...
 - Genesis 2:24-25 – over my marriage
 - Philippians 4:19 – over my finances
 - Philippians 4:6-7 – over my anxiety
 - Mark 12:30-31 – over my children
 - Isaiah 53:5 – over my sickness
 - Isaiah 54:5 – over my loneliness
 - Psalm 144 – against my Enemy
 - _____
 - _____

Mess #2 = Trapped _____ *between the enemy and the Red Sea*
 (Hebrews 11:29)

- Application #4 – How do you feel “trapped” right now? Do you feel as though you are in an impossible situation? What is it? _____
- God’s way out = parting the Red Sea (Exodus 13:17-14:31)
- This required _faith_____ on the Israelites’ part:
 - Moses: stretching out his hand over the sea (Exodus 14:21)
 - The people: walking thru/between 2 walls of water (Ex. 14:22)
- GOD’S POWER IS DISPLAYED IN IMPOSSIBLE SITUATIONS
- Application #5 – What does it look like for me to trust God with my impossible situation? _____ What

does it look like for me to stretch my hand over the sea and walk by faith thru/between 2 walls of water? _____

Audience of One: An Opportunity to Worship (Period)

On January 15th, Grace Fellowship kicked off Audience of One. The purpose of Audience of One is offer up praise and prayers before our God. The purpose is NOT to see how many people we can get to come (because we are not the audience... He is). Audience of One is a place where you can come and be alone with God to offer up to Him your worship and prayers. It’s a great place to come and have a quiet time with God. Currently, there are 3 time slots (the goal is to one day have 168 time slots). This is ongoing until Jesus comes or calls (we will even do Audience of One if Christmas Day falls on one of the time slots). It is always available to you to come and worship our Audience of One. The 3 time slots are all in the Worship Center, and they are...

- **Tuesdays from 12 Noon – 1pm** (Live Worship led by Wayne Kerr)
- **Thursdays from 8:00-9:00 pm** (Live Worship led by Asher Lewis)
- **Sundays from 2:00-6:00 pm** (Live Internet connection to the International House of Prayer in Kansas City)

Sermon Series Application – When you life is over, what do you want your faith epitaph to be? (work on this through out this sermon series)

My “By Faith” Epitaph

By faith...

Discussion Questions with Family, Friends, and Small Group

1. What are my “messes” (tests) right now where I would really like the Lord to provide a way out?
2. Read 1 Corinthians 10:13. What do you think this Scripture means with regards to your mess/test? What does it not mean?
3. Read Hebrews 11:28-29. Discuss this Scripture using these notes and especially the applications. (Look up the Exodus Scriptures as time allows).
4. Spend time praying over each other. Do spiritual battle over each other using Scripture prayers.